

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Lynn et al

Examiner: P. Bianco

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For:

SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR COLLECTING LEUKOCYTE-REDUCED BLOOD COMPONENTS, INCLUDING PLASMA THAT IS FREE OR

VIRTUALLY FREE OF CELLULAR BLOOD SPECIES

AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed 31 July 2003.

An automatic three month extension of time to respond, up to and including February 2, 2004 (January 31, 2004 fell on a Saturday), is respectfully requested. The requisite fee accompanies this Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

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